[Mr. T. K. Alexander.]

(*b*) the number of them acting at present in permanent vacancies but not confirmed;

(*c*) the reason for not confirming them yet;

(*d*) the number of teachers confirmed during the years 1104 to 1109; and

(*e*) the number of years of their acting service in the department?

**MR. R. M. STATHAM** (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 137.

(*b*) 44.

(*c*) As proposals regarding the seniority lists, minimum qualifications for recruitment, abolition of schools, and other cognate matters are under consideration.

(*d*) 959.

(*e*) Ranging from 7 days to 11 years 2 months and 10 days.

*Major Conservancy Station at Piravam.*

188. ✻ **MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from the Piravam public praying to institute a Major Conservancy at Piravam instead of the Minor Conservancy as already granted: and

(*b*) what steps have been taken in respect of the above petition?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

*Silting up of the Talavady river.*

189. ✻ **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any part of the Talavady river has got silted up so as to intercept navigation and to affect adversely the paddy cultivation on both sides of the river;

(*b*) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of Government;

(*c*) what steps, if any, have been taken to remove the silt and deepen the river;

(*d*) whether any amount is annually spent to keep the river navigable and, if so, whether such annual work is effective for the purpose; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to take adequate measures to counteract the serious inconvenience arising from the present state of the river?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No. But some portions are shallow.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Silted portions were deepened and are now being maintained in navigable condition.

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